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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1877.

NO. 20.

Hardware, Stoves, Tin, &c.

LINDLEY & KEMP,

—DEALERS IN—

HARDWARE, STOVES, TINWARE,

AND

Agricultural Implements,

AT THE

MIDDLETOWN STOVE HOUSE,

Middletown, Delaware.

Hardware Department.

Iron and Steel, Horse and Mule Shoes, Horse Nails, Blacksmith Supplies, Chain Traces, Hames, Trowels, Nails, Spikes, Locks, Hinges, Bolts, Files, Chisels, Levels, Planes, Bevels, Wrenches, Picks, Mattocks, Hubs, Rims, Spokes, Shafts, Long and Short Arms, Clips, Springs, Enamelled Cloth, Gum Canvases, &c. A complete stock of TOOLS and Supplies for Carpenters, Builders, Masons, Siders, Shoemakers and others, with many House-furnishing articles. We invite the public to call and examine our prices.

Paints, Oils, Turpentine, Glass and Putty,

CHEAPEST AND BEST.

Cucumber Wood Pumps.

Agricultural Department.

FARMER'S PUMPS, Hockendorf, Wiley, Converse and Moore PLOWS, Plow Castings, Grindstones, Pump Scales, Corn Shellers, Churns, Shovels, Forks, Spades, Hoes and Rakes.

Stoves and Tin Ware.

HAVING SUCCEEDED TO THE BUSINESS OF J. B. ROBERTS, Esq., at his old stand

ON MAIN STREET,

we respectfully solicit a continuance of his patronage. We will have constantly on hand

STOVES AND HEATERS

of all descriptions Also

Slate Mantels,

and a large assortment of

TIN WARE

AND

HOUSE FURNISHING Articles.

Roofing & Spouting

Promptly and neatly done.

REPAIRS

for all kinds of

STOVES

Tin Ware of every description made to order and repairing of all kinds promptly attended to.

LINDLEY & KEMP.

March 17, 1877.

Road Commissioner's Report.

STATEMENT

OF THE

Road Commissioners of St. Georges

Hundred, New Castle County,

For the Year, Ending May 1st, 1877

Amount of Road Tax Levied.....\$8,915 78

Errors and Commission, 912 71

Net Proceeds from Tax, \$8,003 01

Orders drawn by the Road Commissioners in favor of

Aldridge, P. B. \$ 43 92

do do 100 00

do do 100 00

do do 200 20

do do 463 92

April, L. V. 22 10

Burris, J. W. 4 50

Boys, S. 12 50

do do 19 50

Burris, N. 32 00

Bartley, John 7 00

Backus, W. 3 00

do do 8 00

Bendler, Samuel 15 00

do do 25 00

do do 45 00

Boys, Jacob 46 00

do do 51 00

Back, W. 71 40

Bendler, John 122 40

Benson, George 5 75

do do 1 25

Barren, W. 13 75

Cavender, Thomas 8 00

Cochran, E. R. 24 00

Cleaver, Joseph 76 00

do do 68 87

Claver, J. S. 10 75

Conga, T. 10 07

Cleaver, Henry 76 76

do do 27 64

do do 10 00

do do 3 75

do do 10 07

Cleaver, C. B. H. 154 25

do do 50 00

do do 20 00

do do 87 75

do do 100 00

do do 65 58

Cleaver, Wm. 50 00

do do 11 72

Caston Wm. 25 25

Caston, John 2 50

do do 27 75

Carpenter, Henry, 10 62

Conga, T. 5 00

Carroll, John 7 50

Chambers, K. 20 31

Castlow, Thomas 3 12

do do 11 87

do do 4 00

do do 3 50

Castlow, Jeremiah 16 32

do do 37 81

do do 19 00

do do 11 19

do do 12 50

do do 21 50

Caston, George 12 00

Crockett, A. L. 61 79

Caver, J. S. C. 26 87

Candley, M. C. 52 50

do do 38 13

Deveris, Mrs. E. 21 25

do do 29 81

do do 82 50

do do 82 50

do do 75 00

do do 51 00

do do 65 00

Donaven, Alex. 6 75

do do 2 00

Dulin, E. 13 75

Demby, Ris. 10 00

do do 5 00

Davis, C. 15 00

Diehl, Wm. 1 37

Eaton Casper, 25 00

do do 11 62

do do 15 50

do do 24 20

do do 10 00

do do 40 00

do do 48 40

Eaton, T. S. 8 40

Road Commissioner's Report.

Orders Drawn by the Road Commissioners in favor of

Lockwood, E. K. \$39 00

McWalter, T. S. 12 00

Mallon, M. M. 20 11

Murray, Thomas, \$40 00

do do 17 50

do do 15 70

do do 45 00

do do 48 00

do do 29 87

do do 40 00

do do 19 50

do do 43 05

do do 31 55

do do 63 43

do do 6 00

do do 11 87

do do 31 87

do do 5 00

do do 551 48

Murray, Robert 36 25

do do 36 25

Murray, Robert 13 59

do do 26 87

do do 31 25

do do 51 60

do do 17 50

do do 40 00

Morris Davis, 25 37

Makens, Thos. 200 00

Mulford, R. W. 13 32

Numan, N. 100 00

do do 100 00

do do 100 00

do do 122 00

do do 20 00

Odesa, 542 00

Penton, A. 10 12

Penington, J. R. 29 34

do do 122 70

Prier, Alex. 11 00

do do 11 00

do do 10 00

do do 10 00

Pool, Z. A. 48 00

Rothwell, T. S. 4 25

Reynolds, S. M. 6 52

Robson, John 50 00

do do 50 00

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do do 117 50

do do 2 00

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do do 72 00

Reynolds, S. 829 50

Spill, A. 20 00

Smith, E. E. 4 60

do do 6 87

do do 8 12

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Segars, A. 4 37

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Scott, Wm. 28 75

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Select Poetry.

MAN'S MORTALITY.

Our years look behind us like tales that are

Our days like to shadows keep passing us

by.

We take short steps to our pillow of mould,

And rise on like the stage, like to vapors, and

die.

As frail as the grass of the meadow is man,

His youth like the blossom of summer comes

and goes.

That smiles to the sunbeam till autumn turns

wan,

And the wind passes o'er it and bids it be

gone.

Thus one generation keeps passing away,

And new generations their places attain,

And the friends of our bosom, that leave us

to-day,

Shall ne'er fill the circle of friendship again;

In future transactions done under the sun,

No portion is left them to act as before;

They go—on their lives as if never begun,

In the sleep of the grave shall be heard of

no more.

Their exit they make to that awful Unknown,

And vain we conjecture where counsel they

seize;

The world's ways and wealth are no longer

their own,

To their houses and lands they shall never

return.

All nature, though sown with mortality's

seed,

Some parts will a spark of long-living re-

turn;

As branches, the tree that's been down, will

succeed;

But man is too mortal to flourish again.

Life's lamp in uncertainty burneth away,

A weak, wavering vapor of doubtful light,

With care ever ready to darken its ray.

Till death, the extinguisher, hides it in

night;

Our friends and our kindred, we see them de-

part,

Scant peace of our souls daily tearing

away;

The dearest of pledges placed nearest the

heart,

Their memory is all we preserve from decay.

Love, sweetest of joy, is most bitter to trust,

Fate's errand before us is constantly set,

A time is in waiting to turn into dust

The fairest of faces that love ever met,

Death makes no distinction, he slays, as in

right,

The wise and the foolish, the king and his

slave,

And beauty, that magic of empty delight—

All fall at his footstool of terrors—the

grave!

Select Story.

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SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1917.

LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

Don't forget the Fruit Growers' Convention
in the Town Hall to-morrow.

Three "colored" men underwent the ordeal
of an introduction to Sheriff Grubb's "cell"
last Saturday.

The will of the late Colonel Davis, of
Smyrna, has been contested, but on what
grounds is not stated.

The Temperance fever has reached Dover,
and meetings are being held there. God aid
it, if it will do any good.

The annual Convention of the Delaware
Diocese of the P. E. Church will meet at
Georgetown (D. V.) June 6th.

Old Zion meeting house, in Broadkill
Neck, Sussex county, was destroyed by an
incendiary fire a few nights ago.

Ex-Gov. Ross is about to put up—so it is
said—two large fruit evaporators on his farm
near Seaford, of the Williams' patent.

Thomas B. Green, of Maryland, and William
L. Cooper, son of Ex-Sheriff Cooper, of Kent
county, have emigrated to Waverly, N. B. Co.

The directors of the P. W. & R. R. Co. are
talking of opening an excursion hotel at
Ocean City, Worcester county, Md., this summer.

Next Monday is "Whistle" Monday and a
great day among the colored folk, for from
time immemorial it has been "the darkeys'
holiday."

The days are growing longer very perceptibly.
The sun sets this morning at 4.45 and will
set at 7.10, making the day 14 hours and
22 minutes long.

The Times says the potato bug is "dreadful"
in the patches in and around Smyrna, and
all through that neighborhood. We are
sorry to hear it.

Some Millford business men are making ar-
rangements to rebuild the steamship boat
factory in that town which was burnt down
a short time ago.

State Treasurer Giles has been building
himself a new house on his farm near Seaford,
where he proposes to reside. He has
been living near Laurel.

Bishop Lee administered the rite of confirma-
tion to eight persons in the P. E. Church
at Dover Thursday week. Among the num-
ber was Beniah Watson.

The festive potato bug has already made
its appearance and is looting around patiently
waiting for the young potato plants to get
big enough to demand his attention.

Francis Wood, of Philadelphia, has leased
the old Broadway Springs property near
Wilmington, for the coming season and pro-
poses to keep a first-class summer resort.

There were twenty applicants for Congress-
man Williams' Naval Academy Cadetship,
but when they saw how strict the examination
was to be, all but seven backed out.

Shad have become very scarce in our
market. They were scarce this spring
than they have been before for a long time,
and the prices were kept high all the time.

Judge Wooten has been detained from at-
tending court at New Castle this term by
the sickness of his wife. The judge has been
on the bench thirty years and this is his first
absence.

Bishop Wrayman (col.) of the A. M. E.
Church, preached in the M. E. Church of
Smyrna last Sunday. The building was
crowded and the Times says he preached a
powerful sermon.

The address of Mrs. Prunty, at the Presby-
terian Church last Friday night, was very in-
teresting, and was listened to with much
interest by a fair sized audience of members
of the congregation, and others. The collec-
tion taken up at the close of her remarks re-
sulted in a right neat sum.

Attempt at Burglary.
An attempt was made by some unknown
candidate for the honors and benefits of New
Castle whipping post, on Monday night to
break into the jewelry store of Mr. R. Theo.
Smith, on Broad street. Mr. Smith found
next morning that a side window had been
pried open during the night and the jewelry
broken. The would-be thief, however, must
have been frightened off as he did no further
damage.

Married on the Rail.
On the 5.15 train from Philadelphia last
Friday evening took a novel occurrence took
place; in the form of a marriage ceremony.
The parties obtained permission from the
train official, and were duly united on board
by a minister as the train was approaching
Ridley Park. They were heartily congratulated
by those on board. The bridegroom was a
gentleman of Wilmington, and the bride a
lady from the East. Both were engaged
in years—Every Evening & Commercial.

Dramatic Entertainment.
The Odessa Dramatic Association are going
to give one of their pleasing entertainments
in the Town Hall, Odessa, on the evenings of
the 25th and 30th of this month. The play
to be put upon the stage, on this occasion, is
said to be a very fine and interesting, as well
as amusing; one, and, having been prepared
with much care and attention, will doubtless
be performed in an excellent manner. The
actors have spared no pains in its preparation
and, we are assured, are determined that it
shall excel any that have hitherto been seen
upon their stage. Let's all go and see it,
and fill their house full. That's what they want.

Change in R. R. Time.
A slight change in the time table of the
Delaware Railroad went into effect on Mon-
day morning. The change in the time of the
passenger trains is slight, but the morning
train south now leaves Middletown at 10.35
instead of 10.42 as heretofore. The others
remain unchanged. The great change is in
the "mixed train." It has been passing here
at 5.09 p. m. but has been changed to 9.05,
about four hours later. See time table.

Fruit Drying.
The Automatic Fruit Evaporating Company
of Philadelphia, have set up one of their ma-
chines, for exhibition, on the corner of Broad
and Anderson streets, near the office of Esq.
J. B. Naudain, who is their agent for this
vicinity, and will give an exhibition of its
modus operandi to-day. They brought the
machine down Thursday night, and brought
with it a quantity of apples with the inten-
tion of making the exhibition practical, and
showing the people what it can do. One of
these machines was exhibited at Millford a
few days ago, and the growers were much
pleased with it. So much so that orders were
given for some of them, on the spot. Among
them, Mr. Charles Barker ordered a \$500 one, being
satisfied that it was what he wanted. And
Mr. D. M. Yanzani, who has been agent for
the sale of the Alden Drying for several years,
and who solicited the agency of the Automatic
fruit of the Alden, as being the more saleable
machine.

The Williams' Evaporator.

We publish, this week, the advertisement
of The Williams' Fruit Evaporator, of which
Mr. W. B. Phillips, of Millford, is the general
agent for the State of Delaware. This Evapora-
tor has quite an extensive reputation for the
superior excellence of its work. Several
of them, we understand, are in successful
operation down the State and are giving
general satisfaction. Ex-Gov. Ross is re-
ported to have ordered two of them to be put
up on his extensive fruit farm near Seaford,
after having made a thorough examination of
the different types now on the market. We
invite the attention of growers to the ad-
vertisement.

A Big Scare in Wilmington.

Last Sunday afternoon, while a temperance
meeting was being held in the Opera House,
smoke was discovered issuing through the
floor from beneath. Instantly the cry of
"fire" was raised by some thoughtless boys,
and a panic ensued. The building was
crowded to its utmost capacity, and it is es-
timated there were from 2,500 to 3,000 people
present. This whole mass at once began a
wild scramble for the doors and windows.
Men, women and children rushed pell-mell
over benches and down the stairs, screaming
and yelling with fright. In vain the manag-
ers tried to reassure the panic-stricken crowd—
the din was so great they could not be heard.
Women fainted, and one lady was knocked
down and considerably hurt by being trampled
on, but, we believe, not seriously so.
Several persons jumped from the windows
which are pretty high up, to the pavement
below, and, strange to say, escaped unhurt.
One boy, sprang, like a young catamount,
from the gallery to the stage and out of the
window to the pavement and it didn't hurt
him any more than it would a cat.

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began calmly singing a hymn. The quietest
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Shooting Affair at Clayton.

Last Saturday evening, about 8 o'clock,
a shooting affair occurred at Clayton be-
tween R. B. Garman and J. Douglas Coverdale,
in front of Hazell's store. Mr. Garman was
on his way home from Smyrna to his farm in
the Alley, and when he alighted from his car-
riage at Clayton, where he made a short stop,
Mr. Coverdale advanced towards him and
struck him, or tried to. Mr. Garman drew
his pistol, a small affair, and fired two shots,
one ball penetrating the vest of Coverdale and
lodging in the pocket, the other passing
through his wrist. The parties moved on, C.
following G. up until they got into the store,
where friends parted them and Garman went
home. If the pistol had been of a little
heavier calibre it is pretty evident that severe
results would have followed. Garman sur-
rendered himself to Esquire Mahood there,
and entered his own recognizance to appear
before the Court. The difficulty between them
is a purely personal matter. It is an old
fact that has existed since the settlement
by Mr. G. of the estate of the late Thomas
Lamb. Both parties married daughters of
the deceased, and Garman administered on
the estate, which created some unpleasantness.
—Smyrna Times.

Proceedings of Court.

THURSDAY, May 10th.

State vs. Burrows, for assault on Nathan
Crisden, in Middletown. Crisden charged
Burrows with indecent language to his wife.
This Burrows denied and angry words passed
between the two men, resulting, Burrows
said, in threats from Crisden, upon which
Burrows drew a revolver and dared Crisden
to execute his threats. The defendant's
previous good behavior and character were
proved and a verdict of "not guilty" was
rendered by the jury.

About noon the trial of John Rhodes for
the murder of the Rev. Temple at Wilmington,
April 21st, was begun. Attorney General
Pennington and Deputy Robinson, appeared
for the State and L. C. Bird, Esq., for the
prisoner. The Attorney General opened for
the prosecution and Dr. H. O. Ogle was called
to the stand as the first witness. He had
made a post-mortem examination of the mur-
dered man and testified to the size and char-
acter of the wounds. Lucinda Duckery testi-
fied to having seen Temple the night before
his death, and to having been with Rhodes
the same night. She is the woman about
whom the two men quarrelled. She had known
Rhodes for some time, had never heard him
make threats against Temple's life, but said
the two men were not on good terms and
had been "cussing" one another the night of
the murder.

Mary Duckery, mother of Lucinda, testified
to seeing Temple lying dead in the road on
Sunday morning.

Elizabeth Williams was among the first
that discovered the dead body and gave the
alarm, testified to hearing Lucinda Duckery
tell her mother the dead man was Jim Temple.

Mitchell Hopkins saw the body in the road
and saw the Duckerys have a pistol and
watch which they took (apparently) from
Temple's pockets.

David C. Rose (Coroner)—held an inquest,
Sunday morning: found a stone near a pool
of blood; saw no signs of a scuffle in the
road near the body, but saw foot-prints and
hand-prints on the fence; found a piece of
"rag" in the road, which he thought must
have been carried there; a knife had been
delivered to him by an officer, (knife was
shown and recognized).

Peter Demby lived at Randolph Peter's
and was going home from Wilmington that
night and saw the body in the road and
moved it out, but did not know the man
was dead—thought he was drunk. Notified
the Duckerys and heard some one say "it
must be Jim Temple."

Caroline Burris knew both Temple and
Rhodes: had seen Rhodes two or three days
before and had used his knife; it was very
sharp, a condition in which Rhodes said he
always kept it and that he was going to
"show dirt with it," (the knife, a Barlow,
was shown her and she thought it looked
like Rhodes' knife but would not swear to it).

State vs. Rhodes continued.—Peter Blake
had a conversation with Rhodes in his
cell at the City Hall, and advised him to pro-
cure counsel. Rhodes confessed that he killed
Temple but claimed that he did it in self
defense.

J. M. Clayton testified to finding the knife
in the ditch by the roadside the morning af-
ter the murder.

Police officer Wm. Jones, went out to the
scene of the murder and subsequently arrested
Rhodes.

Peter J. Babcock, who had been clerk at
the inquest, testified that Rhodes made a
statement before the Coroner's jury admitting
that he killed Temple but said he did it in
self defense.

Thomas Demby had heard Rhodes make
threats against Temple; heard him once
cuss Temple and say if he "had his way he
would kill him."

The State here closed its testimony, and
Mr. Bird opened for the defense. His first
witness was Emma Hopkins who said that
Rhodes and Temple had had a quarrel in her
house the Monday previous to the murder
and that Temple had snatched a pistol at
Rhodes. Margaret Ellis—"On the Monday
before the murder Temple came to my room
and asked me if I had seen Rhodes; I said
no; he said "Rhodes is always around Lucy
Duckery and I am going to put his light out."
Temple pulled out a pistol and said "This
is my big dog, he never goes back on me."
He saw Temple with a razor in his hand
chasing Rhodes along the street in Hedge-
ville." She also testified to having heard
the two men quarrelling at the Dew Drop Inn
and heard Temple threaten to blow Rhodes'
brains out. Eliza Hardcastle, Wm. Morris,
Perry Hamilton, George Valentine and Mark
Hamilton had all heard Temple threaten to
kill Rhodes.

George Fields, sworn—"On the night Tem-
ple was killed I walked along Front Street
with him; he said "I'm going to meet Rhodes
to-night at 5 o'clock of Market St. Bridge,
but I'm prepared for him." I asked him
how, and he said "never mind, I'll tell you
after a bit, here's something that never lies,"
(showing me a pistol). Temple went over
Market Street Bridge.

Dr. Ogle said that after having examined
the body he thought that Temple was one of
the most muscular men he ever saw. Evan
Butcher, James A. Anderson and several oth-
ers testified that Rhodes bore a good reputa-
tion as a quiet and peaceable man. The de-
fense then rested their case, and Deputy At-
torney General Robinson began his argument
on behalf of the State, asking for a verdict
of conviction on the ground that the act was
committed maliciously and premeditatedly.

SATURDAY, May 12th.

State vs. Rhodes, continued.—Mr. Bird
addressed the jury in behalf of the prisoner,
asking his acquittal on the ground of self de-
fense. Attorney General Pennington closed
the argument in behalf of the State; the Chief
Justice delivered the charge to the jury, de-
claring the different grades of murder, and
manlaughter, and reciting some of the most
important facts that had been developed in
the trial. The case was then given to the

jury at 1.05, p. m. and the Court took a re-
cess until 3 p. m.

About 2.40 the jury came into the court
room, and the Chief Justice having been sent
for, asked for instructions on certain points
of law, which having been given, they again
retired to their room.

Afternoon Session.—Charles Brown was
accused of having stolen some chickens from
Edgar Sheppard, but the latter failed to prove
it to the satisfaction of the jury and they let
Charles go.

At 4.30 the Rhodes jury came into court
and announced their verdict—guilty, breath-
less silence prevailing throughout the court
room. The prisoner received the verdict with
apparent indifference and without changing a
muscle of his face. Mr. Bird polled the jury
and each man confirmed the verdict. The
Court then adjourned.

MONDAY, May 14th.

The Supreme Court, in accordance with the
law, was convened, and the morning was oc-
cupied in calling over the trial list and other
business. The Court then resumed the State
business. John Graves indicted for the
larceny of chickens from Joseph and Elijah
Loper was acquitted on account of a flaw in
the indictment. Samuel England was put on
trial for the larceny of \$100 and three
watches from Peter Spahn, of Wilmington,
and was acquitted. He appeared very grate-
ful for his acquittal and returned his thanks
to God, the Court and the jury.

The Civil business then resumed and the
case of John M. Gifford vs. Sarah Her-
lings taken up. This was an action of as-
sault on a promissory note for \$249.50, for
liquors sold to defendant by plaintiff. The
defense made was that the plaintiff had no
license at the time the alleged contract was
made and that the transaction was therefore
illegal and void. This point, however, had
not been averred in the pleadings and the
Court refused to allow it. Verdict for plain-
tiff for note and costs.

The case of the State vs. Frank Leuby
was then called on and on account of the ab-
sence of some witnesses was deferred. This put
their Honors out a little and the C. J. "pitched
into" the Sheriff for being so easy on the
witnesses, intimating that he must attend to
his business more promptly.

Agricultural.

Work for the Month—May.

THE CORN CROP.—Whatever area you put in this crop do not sacrifice thoroughness to breadth. The temptations are very great in the view of the condition of the market to spread out the crop, though the wisest course would seem to be to make an increased yield on a less space. Let the preparation in advance of planting be thoroughly attended to, not sparing any labor to attain a fine tilth, harrowing over and over again if necessary to accomplish it. Afterwards, keep the ground mellow with the cultivators, and the crop clear from the moulting it is high enough to work. The frequent stirring of the soil is not only designed to destroy the weeds and grass, but also to open the surface to the influences of the atmosphere, to admit air, moisture and heat to the roots of the plants; an object which cannot be defeated when the ground is caked, and the air prevented from circulating in the porous soil.

POTATOES require thorough pulverization of the soil, the land to be in good heart, and an abundance of vegetable matter to secure that coolness which these tubers seem to prefer. Many cultivators delay by preference, to plant in June in order to escape the droughts likely to prevail when the potatoes are making if planted earlier. In cultivation keep the ground light, and eradicate every weed, and that the rains falling may be absorbed and not run off, be careful to leave the hills flat or even hollow on the top. A dusting of plaster over the vines occasionally is an advantage. The inorganic fertilizers seem especially adapted to the wants of this crop—of these especially, ashes, bone-meal and super-phosphates. Lime, plaster and salt are also favorite applications, and as the potato contains a large proportion of potash in its composition, the use of the salt of potash is recommended. Avoid the application of rank, unrotted, green manures, they produce a tendency to disease and the formation of misshapen tubers.

ROOT CROPS.—Besides the saving of hay, the preservation of health is an advantage in the production of these crops. A moderate supply of them will go a long way towards securing the health through the winter of animals of every kind, to whom they are fed. The immense quantity which can be raised upon an acre by proper cultivation and care, and the saving in the cost of other feed, is of itself an argument for their production.

MILLET AND HUNGARIAN.—Where grass is short these are excellent substitutes, and being annuals are raised at little expense and trouble. The German millet is most in favor now. The hay is raised by all kinds of stock, and the quantity there can be raised on an acre is prodigious. Millet may be sown from now up to the 1st of July—a bushel of seed to the acre. Unless cut before the seed matures, the straw is woody and hard. Hungarian, like millet, needs a rich soil. The same quantity of seed is sufficient for an acre.

FODDER CORN.—Early sowings of this are preferable when it is to be cured, but that to be fed green may be sown in succession every two weeks. On rich land the quantity of fodder it produces is very great. Sow in drills two and a half to three feet apart, and let the stalks stand ten to twelve to the foot. Cut when in full tassel and put in large stacks to cure; pick thickly against the fences.

PUMPKINS.—Do not overlook these in your preparations for winter feeding. They can be readily grown in with corn, and are very useful for milk cows. Put in as early as convenient; have the hills rich, and look out for the bugs.—The American Farmer.

LIMA BEANS may now be planted in rich soil. Do not have too high poles Cucumbers, melons and squashes also need rich situations, and should not be put out until the earth is warmed up. Corn may be planted every two days for a succession. Root, in his Manual, says: "Corn, peas and bean seeds are profited by soaking, and melons and cucumbers hastened by it; and that to bring forward a hill of vines rapidly pour boiling hot water upon it after planting and cover with a glass or inverted flower pot to retain moisture. The plants appear in from 24 to 48 hours in ordinary weather."

The Newspaper. I am a farmer. My farm is named Pasturefield. I take great pride in it and work as steadily as I can, for I am sixty-six, and was not insured for farm labor in early life, but trained to the dry-goods business. Well, no matter for this I work and enjoy it. Then I get tired, then I smoke, and then I sit down to the newspaper. Ah, then my fatigue is forgotten, and I revel in enjoyment, and am recreated. The great good newspaper! I used to read good books, but neglect them. What becomes of all the books published? I used to take agricultural journals, but there was too much agriculture. I get hints enough in the home newspaper to satisfy me. All around me are men who work hard, and are honest and faithful in their aims and ways, who take no newspaper. How do they live? I should have died twenty years ago without them. I lend and give mine to my neighbors.

And the newspaper grows and grows, and will continue to grow. Better and better men continue to go into its labors. The best only will live. O, men of the newspaper, great teachers of the people, accept the law "that honesty is the best policy." Cast out the cowardly, the weak, mean, and wrong-headed, and let the brave, the manly, the clear-eyed and courageous help in making this great and glowing gospel—this big book, this early teacher, this household preacher, this hope, comfort, help, and enjoyment of the common people—the American newspaper. Make it clean and true and faithful.

As I believe the newspaper has already lengthened my life, I doubt not that it will lengthen it to the extent, probably, of twenty-five years, which will give me quite a respectable span. And I think of what its character must be to me! But then I know the true, the brave, will live and flourish, and that the puerile, the foolish, and false will soon die.

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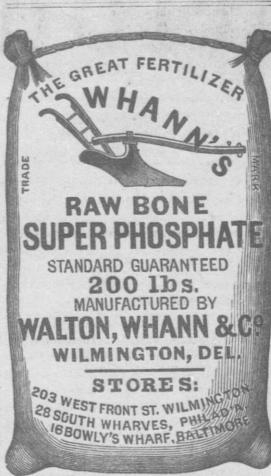
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